

December 27, 2002

D.T.E. 02-80A

Petition of Boston Edison Company, d/b/a/ NSTAR Electric, requesting approval of its Transition Charge Reconciliation filing, together with proposed Transition Charges for Boston Edison Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e), and the Restructuring Settlement Agreement Approved by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy in D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23.

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I. INTRODUCTION

On December 5, 2002, Boston Edison Company (“Boston Edison” or “Company”), Cambridge Electric Light Company (“Cambridge”), and Commonwealth Electric Company (“Commonwealth”), d/b/a as NSTAR Electric, filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) a combined 2002 Reconciliation Filing (“Filing”). The Filing includes a reconciliation of 2002 transition, transmission, standard offer, and default service costs and revenues for Boston Edison, Cambridge, and Commonwealth, as well as proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective January 1, 2003.

The Department docketed that portion of the Filing that pertains to Boston Edison as D.T.E. 02-80A. The Company’s last reconciliation filing was approved in Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 01-78 (2002). The Company requested approval of the following revised tariffs effective January 1, 2003: M.D.T.E. Nos. 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997.

Notice and a request for comments was issued to all the participants in Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 01-78 (2002), Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998); Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 97-111 (1998); Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 98-78/83 (1998), and Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 99-90 (2001) and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company.

On December 17, 2002, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts filed comments. The Company responded to one Department information request.

II. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Based upon the Department's review of the Company's filing and the comments received, the Department has determined that further investigation is necessary. The Department finds, however, that the tariffs filed by the Company on December 5, 2002, for service on and after January 1, 2003, are in compliance with Department precedent¹ and G.L. c. 164, § 1B(b). The rate changes are allowed, subject to reconciliation pursuant to the Department's ongoing investigation.

III. ORDER

After review and consideration, it is

ORDERED: That the operation of tariffs submitted by Boston Edison Company with the Department on December 5, 2002, M.D.T.E. Nos 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997 for service on and after January 1, 2003, are APPROVED; and it is

¹ Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 98-111 (1999); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-107 (2000); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82 (2001); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 01-78 (2002).

FURTHER ORDERED: That the transition, transmission, standard offer service and default service costs and revenues for Boston Edison Company are subject to reconciliation pursuant to an investigation.

By Order of the Department,

Paul B. Vasington, Chairman

James Connelly, Commissioner

W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

Eugene J. Sullivan, Jr., Commissioner

Deirdre K. Manning, Commissioner